

REMARKS:

In view of the foregoing amendments, the following remarks and the accompanying request for continued examination, please reconsider the amended claims.

Claim 1 has been amended in the form of a combination claim so as to be consistent with previously added independent claims 21 and 28. All of the claims now consistently refer to a grease gun holder in combination with a grease gun supported thereon in a manner which is distinguished from the cited references considered alone and for a combination.

Claim 1 has been amended as a combination to more positively recite the configuration of the holder as it relates to the grease gun supported thereon. Furthermore Claim 1 defines a holder including both a clip device and a separate nozzle holder supporting the gun body and gun nozzle respectively, along with a tray supported below both the nozzle holder and the clip device. The tray is further limited in that its dimensions are greater than the grease gun in cross section. This arrangement is particularly suited for catching drips which may fall from either the grease gun body held in the clip device or the nozzle held in the nozzle holder as further defined in the now amended Claim 1. Accordingly all of the mess of a grease gun can be contained instead of dripping on a shop floor for example.

The Examiner's only previous basis for rejecting previously amended Claim 1 was US 3,224,720 to Hain. Hain however discloses no form of tray suitable for catching drips or which is larger than a cross section of the grease gun as there is clearly provided a through aperture in Hain's tray through which drips can be received onto the floor. There is no motivation to use the tray of Hain for catching drips as its only intended function by the teaching of the cited reference is to use the tray as a supporting shelf as no drips would be expected from a fire extinguisher.

Furthermore, Hain discloses no form of nozzle holder suitable for securing the nozzle of a grease gun therein. Accordingly, when using Hain for supporting a grease gun, drips from the nozzle would not be caught by the tray, and even if the drips were caught, the tray would not be able to contain the drips due to the aperture therein and therefore grease would still undesirably fall to the floor. As the configuration of a holder in combination with a grease gun in which the body and nozzle of the gun are both supported above a tray of suitable dimension is new and non-obvious when the prior art is considered alone or in combination, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 1 should now be in condition allowance.

Previously added claim 21 is similar in scope to the above noted claim 1 in that claim 21 similarly emphasizes that the tray is supported on the wall mount such that *both the nozzle and the body of the grease gun are supported* by the nozzle holder and clip device respectively *above the tray* so that any drips would resulting be caught by the tray. Claim 21 is further limited in that the tray is arranged to contain drips thereon as the tray is defined as a *receptacle arranged to contain a liquid*. Hain's device clearly cannot contain a liquid due to the through aperture formed therein.

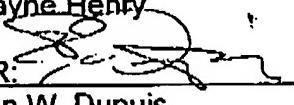
New Claim 28 includes limitations of Claim 21 noted above in a combination with a grease gun, but with the additional limitation that the clip device comprises parallel flanges of which *only a portion has a concave profile conforming to the tubular body* of the grease gun. In the prior art devices, the entire clip device is curved about the cylindrical object being received so that the object is secured directly against the wall mount. By providing only a portion of the flanges being curved with a portion *which is parallel*, the tubular body of the object being secured can be spaced outwardly from the wall mount. This is particularly advantageous when supporting a grease gun as the tubular body is commonly surrounded with messy grease and the like which is preferably held away from the wall mount and wall upon which it is

supported. In addition, space is provided between the clip device supporting the tubular body and the wall mount for receiving the nozzle of the grease gun therebetween as further emphasized in the claims dependent upon the new Claim 28.

The dependent claims have been amended to be consistent with the independent claims noted above.

Favourable reconsideration of this application is earnestly solicited.

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